

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Anchorage Field Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM**

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CX No.: AK-040-03-CX-005 Lease/Serial/Case File No.: NA

Proposed Action Title/Types: Hazard Tree Removal

Location of Proposed Action: Sec. 19, T. 5 N., R. 11 W. Seward Meridian

Description of Proposed Action:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough requests permission to cut dead and dying spruce bark beetle infested trees along roads within 90 feet of the shoulder of the road. Only trees which have the potential to fall and block vehicle traffic will be removed. Trees will be removed from the site and the resulting slash will be chipped and scattered on site or hauled to a dump site at the contractor's discretion.

Applicant (if any): Kenai Peninsula Borough

**PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

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This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan:

South Central Management Framework plan March 1980.

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Remarks: The proposed action is in conformance with section F1.1 of the Southcentral MFP.

**PART II - NEPA REVIEW**

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A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1.\_\_\_\_ or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. C.2.

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B. Departmental Exceptions Review.

The following Departmental List of Exceptions apply to individual actions.

Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents MUST BE

PREPARED for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

- |   | YES   | NO           |
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| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 2. Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.  | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects.  | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |

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I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks:

Preparer(s): Mike Zaidlicz Date: 12-09-02

**PART III - DECISION**

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:

All stumps will be cut at a height not exceeding 12". Slash will be hauled to the road easement or right of way where it will be either chipped and scattered, ground and scattered, or hauled from the site. Material left on site is to be no greater than 12" in depth.

Remarks:

Authorized Official: /s/ Clint Hanson Date: 12-09-02